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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DOD OFFICER TO OMAN AND SAUDI ARABIA

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1. DESCRIBED TO PRINCE SULTAN OUR INTEREST IN HAVING FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF PROGRESS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DHOFAR INSURGENCY. I EXPLAINED THAT BRITISH HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN FILLING US IN ON EVENTS THERE BUT WE CONTINUED FEEL NEED FOR THOROUGH OVERALL ASSESSMENT BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED US OFFICER WITH DISTINGUISHED COMBAT AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE. OFFICER SELECTED, COL MALONEY, WELL-KNOWN IN SAUDI ARABIA BECAUSE OF HIS MOST HELPFUL ROLE IN DEVELOPING ASSESSMENT HERE YEAR AGO OF NATIONAL GUARD REQUIREMENTS. MALONEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE VISITING OMAN WITH AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS US MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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2. IN ENDEAVOR FULLY COMPREHEND ALL MILITARY ELEMENTS

AFFECTING SITUATION IN OMAN, WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT MALONEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY ALSO ASSESS MILITARY CONDITIONS IN REGION WHERE PDRY FORCES WERE FACING THOSE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND TO COMPREHEND WHAT THIS MEANS IN TERMS SAUDI MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTING ITS OWN BORDER AND ALSO IN TERMS ITS ASSISTANCE FOR YAR.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AFTER TEN DAYS OR SO IN OMAN WE PLANNED HAVE MALONEY RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA WHERE, IF HRH WISHED, MALONEY WOULD BE PREPARED PROVIDE HIM HIS ESTIMATE OF DHOFAR REBELLION AND ADEQUACY MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY ALL COUNTIRES TO CONTEND WITH IT. FOLLOWING THAT MALONEY SHOULD TRAVEL TO NEJLAN-SHARURA TO PROVIDE FINAL NEEDED DIMENSION TO HIS OBSERVATIONS.

4. PROJECT SEEMED GOOD ONE TO SULTAN WHO SAID HE WOULD BE MUCH INTERESTED IN TALKING PERSONALLY WITH MALONEY AFTER HIS TRIP TO OMAN. AS TO MALONEY TRIP TO SOUTHERN BORDER AREAS OF SAUDI ARABIA, SULTAN WAS NOT OPPOSED BUT SAID HE PREFERRED HOLD IN ABEYANCE FINAL DECISION UNTIL AFTER TALING WITH MALONEY DETERMINE HOW BEST WHOLE MATTER COULD BE HANDLED. I REMARKED I THOUGHT WE COULD, OF COURSE, BE QUITE FLEXIBLE AS TO ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT MALONEY TRIP TO SOUTH COULD BE HANDLED IN ANY MANNER HRH DESIRED, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE DEGREE CONFIDENTIALLY, TRAVEL IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, ETC.

5. COMMENT: WE FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC SULTAN WILL ULTIMATELY PERMIT COL MALONEY TRAVEL TO BORDER REGIONS, THOUGH IN FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC WITH PRINCE WE MAY HAVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR ARGUMENTS A BIT. (PURPOSELY OMITTED REFERENCE AT THIS STAGE TO PARTICIPATION OF EMBASSY DATT LTCOL FIFER, SINCE SAUDIS ARE NOTORIOUSLY RESTRICTIVE AS TO TRAVEL BY DEFENSE ATTACHES. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, FIFER WILL NECESSARILY BE EXCLUDED.) WHILE SAUDIS ARE APPARENTLY NOT OVERLY EAGER HAVE OUTSIDERS VIEW THEIR BORDER DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS, USMTM WAS ASKED RECENTLY SEND AIR DEFENSE OFFICER CHECK OUT INSTALLATIONS AT BOTH NEJLAN AND SHARURA.

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